

What can we do to fight this illegal, unconstitutional and brazenly political attempt to rob you and others with asbestos lung disease of their right to trial by jury? The answer is simple: **LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!**

The asbestos industry's attempt to have the Michigan Supreme Court change the law and deny and deprive you of your right to trial by jury is disguised as a proposed "Court Rule." Under procedures established by the Michigan Supreme Court, when a new Court Rule is proposed, the public has an opportunity to be heard. **You must act now, though, in order to make a difference.** The time for public comment on the Court Rule ends on January 1, 2004. **Please immediately contact the Michigan Supreme Court with your comments regarding this unconstitutional effort by letter addressed to: Supreme Court Clerk, P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or by e-mail to: MSC_clerk@courts.mi.gov.** You must refer to proposed Court Rule No. 2003-47. All comments made to the Supreme Court, either by mail or by e-mail, will be posted on the Michigan Supreme Court's web site. Let your voice be heard in opposition to this constitutional, illegal and politically motivated effort to deny you and other working people of their right to a trial by jury.

Please consider including one or more of the following points in your letter or e-mail to the Michigan Supreme Court:

- The Michigan Constitution as well as the United States Constitution makes it clear that judges are not to make the law but rather interpret the law. Why is the Michigan Supreme Court even considering taking steps that would effectively change the law by denying Michigan asbestos disease victims their right to a jury trial.
- It seems that Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.
- The crisis in the State of Michigan regarding asbestos litigation is the fact that big business, corporations, the asbestos industry and law firms like Dickinson Wright feel free to try to take working peoples' lawsuits out of court and away from juries.
- The real crisis in Michigan is the failure of corporations to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable.
- What are the true facts about asbestos litigation in Michigan? In fact, in the last four years, there has been one asbestos case tried to verdict in the entire State of Michigan. All other cases settle before trial.

Without your immediate help, the asbestos industry's proposed "Court Rule" could actually succeed. The Supreme Court of Michigan is dominated by conservatives who might take any opportunity to further deny working class citizens of Michigan their constitutional rights.

SO ACT NOW! WRITE OR E-MAIL THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT AND PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS! STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!

Very truly yours,

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